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skein forming a] consisting of strands of thermoplastic adhesive in a latticework configuration which adheres directly to said outer layers without any additional adhesive, the [adhesive skein comprising a thermoplast] thermoplastic adhesive having elastic properties at room temperature, [and] the inner layer being adapted to recover said latticework configuration after tensile loading to thereby allow said flat shaped article to be elastically stretched.

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2. (Once Amended) The article according to claim 1, wherein said adhesive [skeins are] is applied using a printing process.

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4. (Once Amended) The article according to claim 1, characterized in that the adhesive [skeins] strands are applied as parallel strips.

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6. (Once Amended) The article according to claim 1, wherein said adhesive [skeins] strands run in zig-zag or sinusoid curves [that are specular to each other, and whose] wherein each adjacent pair of strands have vertices which touch or overlap in a mirror symmetric configuration, forming a waffle-like configuration.

A3 Cancelled

7. (Once Amended) The article according to claim 1, wherein said adhesive [skeins] strands are applied as interrupted [skein] segments.

Please cancel claims 9-19, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claim:

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-- 20. A three layer laminate consisting of:
two outer layers of a porous fibrous or filamentous batting, and
an inner layer sandwiched between said outer layers, said inner layer consisting of strands of thermoplastic adhesive in a latticework configuration which adheres directly to the outer layers, each strand having a sinusoidal shape with vertices which touch or overlap the vertices of an adjacent strand so that each adjacent pair of strands forms a mirror symmetric configuration, the inner layer having elastic properties at room temperature, whereby said inner layer recovers said latticework configuration after tensile loading. --

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